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least one interface is employed which enables a user to access information concerning the automobile and control vehicle functions in an efficient manner. The user may select one of a plurality of displayed options on a screen of such an interface. Through audio, video and/or text media, the user is provided with information concerning the selected option and the vehicle function corresponding thereto. Having been so informed, the user may activate the selected option to control the corresponding vehicle function.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 15:

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1 15. (Twice Amended) A system for providing messages of varying importance
2 levels in a vehicle comprising:
3 a plurality of audio output devices for providing the messages, the audio output
4 devices being disposed in different areas in the vehicle; and
5 a processor for assigning [a plurality of subsets of] the audio output devices to a
6 plurality of groups, each group including one or more of the audio output devices, each
7 [subset] group of [the] audio output devices corresponding to a respective one of the
8 importance levels of the messages, a message [is] being provided by a [subset] group of
9 [the] audio output devices corresponding to an importance level of the message.

Amend claim 17:

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1 3 17. (Twice Amended) The system claim 15 wherein the [subset] group of [the]
2 audio output devices includes at least one audio output device disposed opposite a seat in
3 the vehicle such that the message is provided toward a front part of a person occupying
4 the seat.

Amend claim 28:

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1 ~~8~~ 28. (Twice Amended) A method for use in a system for providing messages of
2 varying importance levels in a vehicle, the system including a plurality of audio output
3 devices for providing the messages, the audio output devices being disposed in different
4 areas in the vehicle, the method comprising:
5 assigning [a plurality of subsets of] the audio output devices to a plurality of
6 groups, each group including one or more of the audio output devices, each [subset]
7 group of [the] audio output devices corresponding to a respective one of the importance
8 levels of the messages; and
9 providing a message using a [subset] group of [the] audio output devices
10 corresponding to an importance level of the message.

Amend claim 158:

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1 ~~6~~ 158. (Amended) The system of claim ~~17~~ ³ wherein a second [subset] group of [the]
2 audio output devices includes at least a second audio output device disposed on a door in
3 the vehicle, the message being more important than a second message provided using the
4 at least second audio output device.

Amend claim 160:

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1 ~~5~~ 160. (Amended) The system of claim ~~17~~ ³ wherein a second [subset] group of [the]
2 audio output devices includes at least a second audio output device disposed behind the
3 seat in the vehicle, the message being more important than a second message provided
4 using the at least second audio output device.

Amend claim 161:

1 ~~9~~ ⁸ 161. (Amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ wherein the [subset] group of [the]
2 audio output devices includes at least one audio output device disposed opposite a seat in

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- 3 the vehicle such that the message is provided toward a front part of a person occupying
4 the seat.
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Amend claim 163:

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- 1 ~~11~~ ⁹ 163. (Amended) The method of claim 161 wherein a second [subset] group of
2 [the] audio output devices includes at least a second audio output device disposed on a
3 door in the vehicle, the message being more important than a second message provided
4 using the at least second audio output device.
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Amend claim 165:

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- 1 ~~13~~ ⁹ 165. (Amended) The method of claim 161 wherein a second [subset] group of
2 [the] audio output devices includes at least a second audio output device disposed behind
3 the seat in the vehicle, the message being more important than a second message
4 provided using the at least second audio output device.
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